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Examiner : Joseph A. Kaufman

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Dear Sir:

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner states that the multiple guide rods on opposing sides of the control axis and parallel to it, in combination with the other claimed elements, is not found in the prior art. In response, Applicants respectfully note that the allowed claims do not recite a "control" axis, but rather a "central" axis. Furthermore, the first and second guide rods are recited as being *generally* parallel to the central axis.

In addition, Applicants disagree with the Examiner to the extent that the Examiner's statement implies that patentability relies on any single element, or on a collection of elements less than the entire combination, recited by any one of the allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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